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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON AMERICAN ELECTRONICS FIRMS IN KOREA

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1. ATTACHED IS A LIST OF WHOLLY-OWNED AND JOINT VENTURE U.S. ELECTRONICS FIRMS IN KOREA. (THERE ARE NO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FIRMS AS SUCH ALTHOUGH THE PRODUCTS PRODUCED MAY BE USED IN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.) THE LIST ALSO SHOWS THE KINDS OF PRODUCTS EACH FIRM MANUFACTURES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY SEX.

2. AS OF MID-1977, THERE WERE 491 COMPANIES IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IN KOREA OF WHICH 382 WERE DOMESTIC FIRMS, 93 JOINT VENTURES, AND 16 FOREIGN FIRMS. TOTAL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IS ESTIMATED AT 140,000.

3. WAGES PAID BY THE LISTED FIRMS VARY ACCORDING TO COMPANY STANDARDS. BASIC DAILY PAY RATES ARE GENERALLY DIVIDED INTO TWELVE TO FIFTEEN CLASSES BASED UPON LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT IN MONTHS. A BEGINNING EMPLOYEE MAY EARN BETWEEN 870 WON AND 1,150 WON PER DAY WHILE AN EMPLOYEE WITH MORE THAN 70 MONTHS
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EXPERIENCE MAY EARN BETWEEN 1,460 WON AND 2,225 WON PER DAY DEPENDING ON THE COMPANY. (CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE: 484 WON EQUAL \$1.00). IN ADDITION TO THE BASE SALARY, ANNUAL BONUSES RANGING FROM TWO MONTHS TO FOUR MONTHS SALARY ARE STANDARD.

4. THE STANDARD WORK WEEK IS 48 HOURS - 8 HOURS A DAY FOR 6 DAYS. WORKING HOURS MAY BE EXTENDED TO 60 HOURS PER WEEK

BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, A PRACTICE WHICH HAS BECOME COMMON IN MANUFACTURING AND EXPORT INDUSTRIES. FURTHER EXTENSION OF OVERTIME HOURS REQUIRES PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS. ANYTHING ABOVE THE STANDARD WORK WEEK IS CONSIDERED OVERTIME AND IS SUBJECT TO COMPENSATION AT 150 PERCENT OF THE STANDARD HOURLY RATE.

5. LIST OF AMERICAN ELECTRONICS FIRMS, PRODUCTS, AND WORKERS.

FIRM NAME	INVESTOR	PRODUCTS	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
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NEOTORNICS	NEOTRONICS,	COMPUTER	15	4	11
KOREA, LTD.	INC.	COMPONENTS			

KOREAN MICRO-	AMERICAN	MOS/LSI,	1,488	186	1,302
SYSTEMS, INC.	MICROSYSTEMS,	ELECTRONIC			
	INC.	WATCH MODULES,			
		QUARTZ CRYSTALS			

MOTOROLA	MOTOROLA,	TRANSISTORS,	4,500	600	3,900
KOREA, LTD.	INC.	INTEGRATED			
		CIRCUITS			

APPLIED	APPLIED	MAGNETIC	828	220	608
MAGNETICS	MAGNETICS	RECORDING			
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KOREA, LTD.	CORP.	HEADS, DRUM			
		DISC HEADS			

AFCOA KOREA	ALUMINA	WINDING FERRITE,	800	78	722
CO., LTD.	FERRITE	ARRAY KIT, WATCH			
	CORP.	MODULES			

ORIENT	MIDTEX,	MERCURY WETTED	310	118	192
ELECTRONICS	INC.	REED SWITCHES			
CO., LTD.		FOR RELAYS			

CONTROL	CONTROL	MEMORY PLANES	1,276	115	1,161
DATA KOEA,	DATA				
INC.	CORP.				

TC ELEC-	TANDY	RADIO AMPLI-	1,418	222	1,196
TRONICS	CORP.	FIERS,			
(KOREA)		INTERPHONES			
CORP.					

FAIRCHILD	FAIRCHILD	TRANSISTORS,	2,537	324	2,213
SEMICONDUCT-	CAMERA &	SILICON TRAN-			

OR (KOREA), INSTRUMENT SISTORS, DIO-
LTD. CORP. DES, INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS

RHOMBUS CIRCUIT DELAY LINES 29 5 24
INDUSTRIES CRAFT FOR COMPUTERS
(KOREA), CORP.
INC.

SIGNETICS SIGNETICS INTEGRATED 3,115 366 2,749
KOREA CORP. CIRCUITS
CO., LTD.

6. LISTUOF AMERICAN JOINT-VENTURE ELECTRONICS FIRMS, PRODUCTS,
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AND WORKERS.

		NO. OF WORKERS				
U.S.	U.S.					
FIRM NAME	INVESTOR	SHARE	PRODUCTS	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
	(PER- CENT)					

KOMY SEMI- CONDUCTOR, LTD.	KOMY CORP.	75	TRANSISTORS, ICS	553	81	472
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MIN SUNG ELECTRONICS, AMERICA LTD.	HAN- CO.	65	ELECTRONIC WATCHES, DESK TOP CALCULATORS, HYBRID ICS, SILICON TRAN- SISTORS	350	120	230
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MAGNETIC MEDIA KOREA CORP.	AGRON WASSERSTRON	40	CASSETTE TAPES, 581 REEL TAPES, CASSETTES, 8- TRACK CARTRIGES	181	400	
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SAMSUNG CORNING CO., LTD.	CORNING INT'L CO., LTD.	50	C.R.T. BULBS	709	662	47
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SAMSUNG GTE TELE- COMMUNICA- TIONS, LTD.	GTE INT'L INC.	50	E.P.A.B.	90	80	10
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OAK OAK IND. 60 PCB LAMINATES 58 50 8
INDUSTRIES INC.
KOREA

KOREA INTEGRATED 50 INTEGRATED 483 205 278
SEMI- CIRCUITS CIRCUITS,
CONDUCTOR, INT'L, LTD. WAFERS FOR
INC. TRANSISTORS

3M KOREA 3M 40 MAGNETIC 12 10 2
LTD. RECORDING
TAPES

STC RAY- E.S.P. 45 SPECIAL 92 53 39
O-VAC INC. BATTERIES
CO., LTD.

HAN KUK COLLINS 50 MULTIPLEX 10 10 -
COLLINS RADIO CHANNEL
CO., LTD. INC. ENDS

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